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High Speed Crash Kills Girl, 7, Six Hospitalized

Car Cut Apart in Collision

Police will seek a complaint against the driver of the car involved in a grinding crash in which his stepdaughter died and six others were seriously injured.

Witnesses interviewed by police said that the auto operated by Jerry Mullins, 26, of 12620 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, was driven at approximately 70 m.p.h. just before it smashed into an on-coming vehicle on Sepulveda Blvd. Sunday evening.

The crash sheared Mullins' car in half as it plowed on into a field east of Maple Ave.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Mullins' stepdaughter, Shannon Lucille Tillotson, 7. She was the year's sixth traffic fatality.

Six Injured

Four other occupants of the car, including Mullins, are still in serious or critical condition. Mullins suffered a collapsed lung, while his stepson, Randy, 6, suffered a fractured skull, ruptured spleen, broken shoulder, and damage to his eye, police said.

Two teenaged girls, Linda Tucker, 17, of 12620 S. Figueroa, who received head injuries, and Patsy Russell, 14, of 12120 S. Figueroa, who received a multiple fracture of the jaw, broken nose, knee and ankle, were also passengers in Mullins' car.

Other Driver

The driver of the other car, William Howard Marshall, 47, of 3008 Strand, Hermosa Beach, received a fractured leg, while his wife, Hazeldean, 44, suffered a broken shoulder, officers reported.

Witnesses told police that the Mullins party had been at the beach and was eastbound on Sepulveda at high speeds. Mullins reportedly was on the wrong side of the highway, passing another vehicle when he crashed into Marshall's machine.

Funeral services for the killed girl will be conducted today at 1 p.m. at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. The girl's mother, Mrs. Joyce Mullins, and another son, Jerry David, apparently were not in the car at the time of the crash.

Torrance Not Too Popular With Neighbors

It will cost Torrance approximately \$500 to learn that it is none too popular with its Alondra Park neighbors.

A survey, undertaken by the John B. Knight organization, disclosed that 75 per cent of the residents of the area on which annexation proceedings were filed would rather stay as they are.

Only one per cent favored incorporation and 24 per cent advocated annexation.

Torrance Doctor Dies Suddenly

A Torrance doctor was found dead in his Los Angeles home early Tuesday where he died apparently from natural causes.

Coroner's officials said that Arthur H. Warshaw, M.D., 52, was found dead on the floor of his home, 1106 W. 79th St., by his landlady who became curious when she did not see him for several hours.

Dr. Warshaw was in practice here at 1618 Cabrillo Ave. for several years.



CUT IN HALF—Completely severed in a crash on Sepulveda Blvd. Sunday evening was this car driven by Jerry Mullins. The driver's step-daughter died in the two-car collision and four other occupants of the vehicle and two persons riding in the other car were injured.

Moonlight Committee Probes Jobs

A ray of sunshine fell on moonlighters Tuesday night when the City Council agreed to form a committee to discuss possible modifications of the outside work ban for city employees.

Councilman Nicholas O. Drale was named chairman of the three-member committee to discuss the work ban with Boris S. Woolley, attorney for the employees, and their representatives.

At the same time the attorney said he would take a pending test suit brought against the city by two firemen off calendar pending outcome of the negotiations.

Woolley pointed out that the ban on outside work passed 25 years ago, and never before enforced, now applies only to police and firemen under city ordinance.

Councilmen said they imposed the ban because of a large number of unemployed and because city workers may be injured on their outside jobs and then make claims for disability pay from the city.

The committee which will negotiate for the council also includes Councilmen Robert Jahn and Victor Benstead, and is expected to make a recommendation in 30 days.

Gist of Woolley's suggestion was that department heads be given a list of outside jobs their men hold and judge each on the basis of interference with his city post.

Additional Stores Open Monday Nights to 9 p.m.

Additional downtown Torrance stores will remain open Monday nights in addition to Friday evenings for the convenience of shoppers, it was announced this week.

Twelve additional stores in the central shopping area have announced they will stay open until 9 p.m. on both evenings. They are J. J. Newberry's, Strum's Department Store, Karl's Shoes, The Gay Shop, Torrance Men's Shop, Kirby's Shoes, Lawson Jewelers, Torrance Shoe Mart, Allen Jewelers, Baker's Furniture, Laek Furniture, Torrance Furniture and Anita's Shops.

LIBRARY WEEK

Next week is National Library week and Torrance is beginning the celebration with a meeting on Saturday to organize a group to be known as the "Friends of the Library." It will be held at 10 a.m. in the North Torrance Library, 3614 174th St. Among the guest speakers will be Mrs. Mary Roger Smith, the Los Angeles County Coordinator of work with children in libraries.



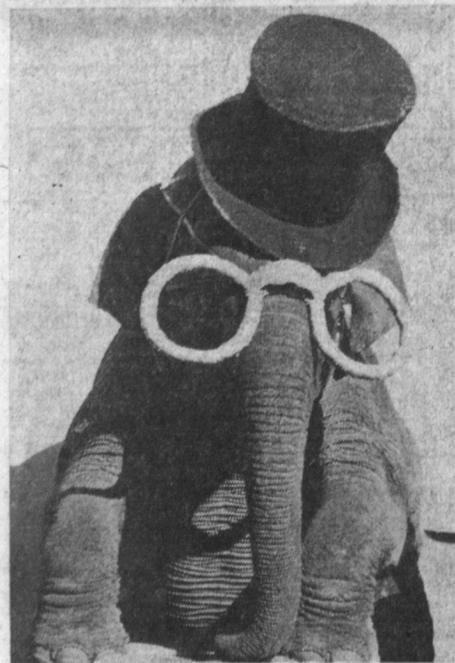
DROWNS OUT TV—Mrs. Patricia Holt practices on organ she acquired three weeks ago because television musical programs have been replaced by Westerns. She learned enough in three weeks to be invited to appear on television show.

Mother Finds Way to Lure Kids from TV

A Waleria housewife has found a way to get away from the bang-bang of television shoot-'em-ups. She drowns out the western hoof-beats and zing of six-shooter bullets with soothing music.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Patricia Holt, of 2831 Danaha St., has progressed so well with the organ she "nagged" her husband into buying three weeks ago. Somehow she found time between her jobs as graveyard telephone operator for an afternoon concert last Saturday.

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HEAVY TALENT—"Ruth," the veteran elephant (she's 80 years young), will perform for Torrance citizens at the Frank Babcock Circus and Shows coming to Waleria April 15.

Babcock Circus to Open in Waleria Shopping Center for Five-Day Stand

The Frank Babcock Combined Circus and Shows will open in Waleria April 15 for a five day stay. It was announced today by Mrs. Beverly Tine, spokesman for The Waleria Shopping Center Merchants Association; sponsors of the event which will be held behind the Food Giant Market, Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Blvd.

The midway, besides featuring 15 different thrill-packed rides for children, will also mainline a kiddy circus. Besides, Ruth, the 80 year-old performing elephant, the circus will highlight trained ponies dogs, and a tight-rope act during 45 minute shows daily at 2:30, 7 and 9 p.m., with an extra show at 10:30 Saturday morning, April 18. The Kiddy Circus will be free to the young

Trio Held in Bouncy Check Net

Three men were nabbed by police on forgery and conspiracy charges after they allegedly cashed \$2100 worthless checks in a three days spree Easter weekend.

The asserted ring leader, a former Gardena businessman, had lost all but \$100 in poker clubs by the time Hollywood detectives, tipped off by Torrance police, nabbed him in a motel.

The suspects were identified as Homer T. Prappas, 35, formerly in the business, Delmar Lee Stuart, 21, of 4706 Carson St. and Emmett Joe Wagener, 25, of 100 S. Bonita, Redondo Beach.

Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer said that the trio armed themselves with a check protector and typewriter and made out 25 checks allegedly supplied by Prappas.

According to police, two other men were paid \$100 each to sign the checks which were then assertedly cashed by Stuart and Wagener at various South Bay businesses.

Hollywood detectives arrested Prappas and Wagener in a motel. Stuart, informed through a call home that his friends were taken into custody, surrendered to Torrance police.

Monterey Residents to Protest Steel Plant Buffer Removal

Monterey St. homeowners this week protested City Council action which is putting a steel mill and other heavy industry at their doorsteps.

Nearly 100 residents formed an action committee with a goal of regaining a 100-foot "buffer strip" on the south side of Monterey St. This buffer has been offered the city and rejected by the council. Homeowners said they will jam the City Council session Tuesday night to present petitions asking for the return of the zone and to learn why the council had rejected it.

Residents were stirred to action by the announcement that the R. C. Mahon Co. of Detroit will build a 30-acre steel plant with only a 50-foot parking or planting zone separating it from this residential area.

Leaders of the Residents' Committee said the City Planning Commission had recommended the 100-foot strip and that the owner of the land, Chanson Western Oil & Development Co., agreed to it.

Not until plans for the steel mill were revealed did homeowners learn that the city fathers had trimmed the buffer zone to a 50-foot parking or planting strip. The recommended 100-foot zone was to have been heavily landscaped but with provision for executive parking only, according to the Planning Commission plan.

Woman Burned in Bed

The wife of a city employe was apparently fell asleep smoking in bed.

Taken to Riviera Hospital with first, second, and possibly third degree burns on her body was Mrs. Marion Fogerty, 29, of 2720 W. Carson St.

Firemen said that when Mrs. Fogerty awoke enveloped in her flaming bed, she dashed to the shower to extinguish the fire which had burned a dressing robe she was wearing.

Her husband, Stanley, a draftsman in the city engineering department, apparently did not awake until Mrs. Fogerty dashed from her bed into the bathroom. The victim received burns over most of the front of her body from her knees to her chest, firemen said.

Workman Injured

A water department employe suffered a bruised leg Monday morning when a truck rolled over it while at the water tank site at 1001 Elm Ave.

Police said Harold Tjerman, 43, of 1848 Santa Fe Ave., was treated at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

TOUR WATER DISTRICT

City and Civic leaders will make a three-day inspection tour of the Metropolitan Water District facilities on the Colorado River, May 15-17.

Nab Shooters

Two men were arrested on a concealed weapons charge Tuesday after they allegedly fired shots in the air.

Taken into custody were Thomas Emil DeFouri, 24, of Redondo Beach, and Robert Lee Finchey, 24, of 2505 West 185th St.

Traffic Carnage Rises

Death of a little girl in an auto crash Sunday has focused attention on Torrance's mounting traffic toll.

Since Jan. 1, six persons, three of them children, have died in traffic accidents.

More than 100 persons have been injured during the first three months of the year. Many of the injuries were minor in nature, but a goodly share of them have left people with permanent handicaps.

Police records for the first quarter show that 437 traffic accidents have been reported. That's almost five a day. This does not include a number of "fender benders" whose drivers did not make reports of their collisions.

Of the 437 reported accidents, 102 involved injuries. In quite a few cases more than one person was injured in each.

The fatality list to date is exactly double that of 1958. For the same period last year, there were 398 accidents, of which 102 involved injuries.

Why this sudden increase? The primary blame, of course, rests with careless motorists and pedestrians.

But on top of that there are other reasons for the worsening traffic record.

Police chief and Bill Winther, traffic investigator, pointed out an obvious fact.

An ever increasing traffic load on our streets due to more cars and more people driving them.

They point out that better enforcement is an answer. But the sufficient personnel is not available to patrol the streets more thoroughly, they said.

Careless pedestrians also share a good portion of the blame for endangering their own lives, police pointed out.

Another finger is pointed at engineering.

Some much needed signals such as at 174th St. and Ar-

lington Ave., and at Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St., are State projects and have not yet been installed.

City projects, such as signals at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave., where two accidents occurred in one weekend, have been delayed by lack of funds.

The Chinese lantern type signals, cheaper to install, but hard to spot, have also come in for a share of criticism.

These are some of the causes listed by officials who work with the problems. Their proposed solutions cost money.

And that's somebody else's department.

'Live Better by Far with A Brand New Car'

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